

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Foreign Secretary during his recent visit to New Delhi has raised the issue of human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) If so, the details thereof.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) UK Secretary of State Mr. Jack Straw, in his press conference after his meeting with EAM praised India's commendable record in establishing human rights machinery, while noting that UK will continue to encourage India to improve the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir including investigation and punishment of abuses.